Schemes for rural youth, women SCs/STs

1088. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of Schemes and programmes formulated and being implemented in the country for the rural youths, women, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and weaker sections of the society of the rural areas; and

(b) the total amount incurred on the implementation of the above schemes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development is not implementing any programme exclusively for Rural Youth, Women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Weaker Sections of the Society. However, the Ministry is implementing Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) to provide wage employment Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) to provide self-employment and under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) assistance is provided to the rural poor for construction of houses. Recently, **a** new programme *i.e.* National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP) has been launched in 150 selected backward districts of the country to provide additional wage employment. Under the guidelines of these programmes, special provisions have been made to give preference to the weaker sections of the society including women, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

(b) Expenditure incurred under SGSY, SGRY/NFFWP and IAY are given as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Programme	Expenditure incurred during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05
SGRY	16564.13
NFFWP	550.99
SGSY	3239.70
IAY	8520.79

Shortfall in construction of houses during Ninth Plan

1089. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether shelterlessness was aimed to be removed by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan but only 50.34 lakh houses were constructed/upgraded as of March 2002 against the target of 109.53 lakh housing units;

(b) if so, the reasons for constructing/upgrading less number of houses, and

(c) whether it is a fact that the money released for rural housing was not spent on the programme but the money has been kept in deposits or misappropriated or incurred expenditure in excess of the approved norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) As per the information available with this Ministry, around 85.95 lakh houses were constructed/upgraded in rural areas under the Indira Awaas Yojana upto the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan *i.e.* March, 2002 since its inception against the target of 95.26 lakh houses. The year-wise targets are fixed on the basis of unit cost of the Indira Awaas Yojana houses and annual budget available. The marginal shortage is due to unspent opening balance with the States/Union Territories.

(c) Some cases of mis-utilization/mis-appropriation or expenditure incurred in excess of the approved norms, as reported in Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG's) Report, which were brought to the notice of the concerned State Governments for remedial measures, as the rural housing schemes are implemented by the State/UT Governments.

Rural development scheme in Uttar Pradesh

†1090. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of rural development schemes and the amount of Central assistance sought for the same the Government of Uttar Pradesh during the years 2003 and 2004 from Government of India;

(b) whether Government of India have sanctioned all the schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.